

[7th April 1960

**SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR:** Will the Government come forward to do away with these level-crossings just like in Western countries?

**THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:** Sir, I have heard about the Japanese method, viz., automatic closing of the gates. It is proposed to try it as an experimental measure somewhere in another State. But, it appears to be costly. However, after that experiment had been conducted and if it was then found feasible, that might be adopted in this State also.

**SRI V. SANKARAN:** மதுரையில் பவர் ஹவுஸ் பக்கத்தில் உள்ள ரயில்வே கேட்டுகள் குறைந்தது அரை மணி நேரம் மூடப்படுகிறது என்பது கவர்னர் அவர்களுக்கும் முதல் மந்திரி அவர்களுக்கும் அனுபவம் இருக்கிறது என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் அறிவார்களா?

**THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:** பொதுவாக நேரம் ஆகிவிடுகிறது என்பது உண்மைதான். ஐரோப்பாவில்கூட இம்மாதிரி காரில் போகிறவர்களுக்குத் தாமதம் ஏற்படுகிறது. இப்பொழுது 45 ஓவர் பிரிட்ஜ் போடுவதாக இருக்கிறது. ஒவ்வொன்றையும் எடுத்து செய்வதற்கு ரொம்ப நாளாகும்.

### Tractors

\* 620 Q.—**SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR:** Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to purchase small type Russian or Japanese Tractors; and

(b) if so, the number that are to be purchased and the manner in which they are to be utilised?

**THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Questions are over.

[Note.—An asterisk (\*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

### II.—CALLING ATTENTION TO THE LOCKOUT IN NAGAMMAL MILLS, NAGERCOIL.

\* **SRI T. T. DANIEL:** Mr. Speaker, I wish to call the attention of the Hon. the Minister for Industries under Rule 41 of the Assembly Rules, to a matter of urgent public importance, viz., Lockout in Nagammal Mills, Nagercoil and the consequent unemployment of more than two hundred workers.

Sir, I understand that the Workers' Union has made certain demands on behalf of the workers of that mill to the management. Their demands included that they should be paid as their wages according to the scheduled rates. The management, after getting those demands, have dismissed from service some of the important workers who were members of the Union and thereupon the Workers' Union issued a strike notice to the management stating that if their demands were not satisfied within a particular date, they would be constrained to go on strike. On the other hand, the management have declared a lockout. We are anxious to know what steps the Government have taken to bring a conciliation between the labourers and the management, what were the reasons that compelled the